The Broadcast Flag proposal reads like a government sanctioned monopoly given to Hollywood. Digital Television does not need special motion picture offerings to make it of interest to the public. They'll buy the units when they are reasonably priced and the economy is stable enough that people can justify the expenditure.

Let technology do what technology has always done: Act as a catalyst for innovation, creation, new products and more jobs.

I encourage you not to placate the Hollywood lobby. Similar to parenting, it is not in anyone's best interest to give in to the tantrum of a spoiled child; least of all the child. The reality is Hollywood will make more money by embracing the new technology than they can imagine.

Let's not fear this change to DTV and attempt to inhibit its potential. Rather, let us take advantage of the opportunity to create a more compelling environment for consumers, equipment manufacturers and content developers.

Please, do not mandate the use of a Broadcast Flag.

Sincerely,

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